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MINUTES.

The Eighteenth Annual Session of the Judson Association of Missionary Baptists convened with the church at Poplar Springs, Pontotoc county, Mississippi, on Thursday before the second Sabbath in September, 1870. Introductory sermon by Elder T. P. Montgomery.

After an intermission of thirty minutes for refreshments, the Association was called together by Elder A. L. Stovall, the former Moderator. Prayer by Elder A. W. Sandlin.

The Moderator appointed as reading clerks, Elders C. C. Malone and T. P. Montgomery when letters from the various churches comprising this Association were called for and read and contents noted. See statistical table. After reading the letters it was moved and carried that Petitionary Letters be called for, when a letter was presented from Mt. Hope church, Monroe county, Miss., asking admittance into this body, which was received; delegates names enrolled and cordially welcomed.

The Association then proceeded to organize by electing Elder A. L. Stovall, Moderator, and J. M. Cook, Clerk, and R. M. Borum, Treasurer. The Moderator elect made some very appropriate remarks before taking his seat.

At this point, Elder James Nelson, agent for the Baptist College at Clinton, Miss., was by motion requested to address the Association in behalf of the same, and was followed by Elders A. L. Stoval, the Moderator, and T. P. Montgomery.

The Moderator then proceeded to appoint the following committees: On Devotion, Brethren K. A. Armstrong, G. W. McWhorter and J. H. J. Cox, together with the Deacons of Poplar Spring church.

It was suggested by this committee and agreed to by the body that the preaching hours be 11 a.m.; 2 p.m. and night.

Committee on arrangements: Elders S. Bryant, Wm. Hood and Bro. A. J. Doty. Our Documents, Elder C. C. Malone, and Brethren J. M. Armstrong and S. M. Gentry. On Education, Elders T. P. Montgomery, W. S. Wilson and R. M. Borum.

By motion and second, a committee was appointed to take into consideration the propriety of re-districting the Association, viz: Elders J. M. Herring, A. B. Smith, and Bro. David Brown, said committee, reported in favor of re-districting, but the matter was voted down by the Association. Adjourned till Friday morning half past 8 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Wilson.

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 1870.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder James Nelson.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator: On Home Missions, Elders A. W. Sandlin, Wm. Fuqua and Bro. S. M. Rob-

ertson. On Finance, Brethren J. H. J. Cox, Wiley Murff and J. M. Armstrong. On Sabbath Schools, Elders J. J. Andrews, Joshua Smith and Bro. Job Springer. On Foreign Missions, Elders A. B. Smith, J. M. Herring and A. Robertson. On Publications, Elder Wm. C. Thomas and Brethren A. L. Eaves and Wm. Baldwin. On the Colored Population, Elder J. W. Randolph and Brethren G. W. McWhorter and M. Pound.

The committee on Devotion report, that Elder T. P. Montgomery preach at 11 a.m. and Elder J. W. Randolph at 2 p.m.

Report on arrangements read, received and adopted.

Called for Petitionary Letters. None.

By motion and second, visiting brethren from sister Associations, if any present, were invited to seats in this body.

Report of the committee on education read, and after some appropriate remarks by Elders James Nelson, T. P. Montgomery and Wm. C. Thomas. Adopted. See exhibit [A]

Elder James Nelson reports the amount raised in the bounds of this Association for the benefit of Clinton College also Greenville Seminary, Greenville, S. C., \$341.00.

Elder Montgomery also submitted a report made by the joint committees of the Judson and Aberdeen Associations of 1862, relative to a high school or schools in North East Mississippi, adopted. See exhibit [B]

Also a report of the Board of Trustees, which were appointed by said joint committees of the Judson and Aberdeen Associations. Adopted. See exhibit [C]

The hour of preaching having arrived, the Association adjourned and repaired to the stand, where Elder T. P. Montgomery preached to a large and attentive congregation from John 15th chapter, 13th and 14th verses. Theme, The love and compassion of Jesus.

EVENING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Sam'l Bryant. At this point the committee report that Elder Amaker, from Cold Water Association, preach to-night, and Elder M. P. Lowry to-morrow, Saturday, at 11 a.m.

The regular order of business suspended to read a letter from Friendship church, Monroe county, Mississippi.

Regular order of business resumed.

Called for correspondence. Received from Cold Water Association, Elders Amaker, T. B. Smith and E. A. Barry, with a file of Minutes; from Tippah Association, Elder M. P. Lowry. He was also received as correspondent from the Mississippi Baptist State Convention; from Chickasaw Association, many brethren being present from that body were all cordially invited to seats.

Moved and carried that a committee or delegation be appointed to visit the following sister Associations, viz: Tippah, Tishomingo and

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Chickasaw, for the purpose of soliciting co-operation in our great educational enterprise. Committee Elders A. L. Stoval, T. P. Montgomery and Wm. Hood.

Report on colored population read and adopted. See exhibit [D].

Adjourned until Saturday morning half past 8 o'clock. Prayer by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 1870.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder A. Robertson.

Elder A. D. Philips being present, was by motion invited to a seat and was received as representative of the Foreign Mission Board. Elder L. Ball, present from the Chickasaw Association, was also invited as messenger from that body to a seat.

Called for report on Sabbath-schools. Read and after some criticism, adopted. See exhibit [E].

At this point Elder Slack from Aberdeen Association arrived and was received as correspondent from that body.

Called for report on Documents. Read and after some remarks by Elders M. P. Lowry and Stoval was adopted with some amendments. See exhibit [F].

Committee on Devotion report as follows: Elder L. Ball preach at 2 p.m.; Elder A. D. Philips at night, and Elder A. L. Stoval to deliver a lecture to the Sabbath-school class on Sabbath morning 9 o'clock; Elder Montgomery to preach at 11 a.m., and Elder Slack at 2 p.m.

Report on Home Missions read and adopted. See exhibit [G].

Elder T. P. Montgomery proposed the following plan of carrying forward the missionary work in the bounds of this Association, viz: To appoint an executive committee of ten, consisting of the following brethren for the first district, K. A. Armstrong, G. M. Philips, Job Springer, Jas. M. Armstrong and Jas. Owen. For the second district, S. M. Robertson, W. M. Fuqua, J. H. J. Cox, G. W. McWhorter and Jacob Epting, whose duty it is to superintend and carry forward the missionary work in the interval of the Association, and the Association proceed at once to elect a missionary to ride all his time within our bounds. Adopted.

The hour for preaching having arrived, the congregation was invited to the stand to hear Elder M. P. Lowry, who preached one of his characteristic sermons. The business of the Association went on and the clerk failed to get the text.

By motion and second the Association requests the executive committee to correspond with Elder M. T. Sumner, corresponding Secretary of the Domestic Mission Board at Marion, Alabama, in regard to their operations and solicit aid therefrom.

It was moved and carried that the election of the Missionary, as set forth in Elder Montgomery's plan of operations, be deferred until the afternoon session and that the compensation of the missionary be left entirely with the Executive Board.

Called for report of Executive Board.. Read and adopted in connexion with the Missionary's report. Elder J. J. Andrews. Exhibit [H] Association adjourned for one hour.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder A. L. Phillips.

By motion, rescinded the action of the forenoon, so far as relates to the Association electing the Missionary, and also transferred it to the Executive Board..

Called for report on Foreign Missions. Read and commented on by Elder A. D. Phillips, Missionary from Africa. Adopted. Exhibit [K].

At 2 o'clock the congregation repaired to the stand to hear Elder L. Ball.

Report on Finance, read and adopted. See exhibit [M].

Appointed correspondence as follows to Chickasaw Association: Confirmed former appointment, as that body has not met since our last session. Elders A. L. Stovall, Hood and Montgomery to solicit co-operation from that body in our educational enterprise. Elder A. B. Smith to write the letter.

To Tishomingo Association, Elders A. W. Sandlin, J. J. Andrews, J. M. Herring, C. C. Malone, Wm. Hood, T. P. Montgomery, A. L. Stovall and brethren G. C. Thomason, A. J. Doty and J. M. Cook. Elder Malone to write.

Granted leave of absence to brethren J. L. Holmes and D. H. Holmes.

Correspondence to Bear Creek Association, Elders C. C. Malone, J. M. Herring and A. W. Sandlin. Elder Sandlin to write.

To Aberdeen Association, Elders W. C. Thomas, Wm. Hood and J. J. Andrews, and brother T. R. Atkins. Elder W. C. Thomas to write.

To Cold Water Association, Elders Joshua Smith, A. B. Smith and brother A. J. Doty. Elder Joshua Smith to write.

To Tippah Association, Elders A. L. Stovall, J. J. Andrews and T. P. Montgomery. Elder Montgomery to write.

To State Convention, Elders J. J. Andrews, A. W. Sandlin, T. W. Randolph, A. L. Stovall, T. P. Montgomery, C. C. Malone, W. S. Wilson and Wm. Hood.

To Southern Baptist Convention, Elders J. J. Andrews, A. W. Sandlin and brother W. C. Thomas.

Appointed the next session of this body to be held with the church at Centre Hill, Lee county, Miss., on Thursday before the 2d Sabbath in September, 1871. Elder A. L. Stovall to preach the Introductory. Elder W. C. Thomas, alternate. Also, Elder A. Stovall to preach Missionary sermon on Sabbath at 11 a.m., and W. C. Thomas, alternate.

Moved and carried that the Clerk have the Constitution, Abstract of Principles and Rules of Decorum printed in the present Minutes.

Moved and seconded that the Clerk have as many copies of Minutes struck as possible for \$45, and that he retain the balance of the Minute fund for his services.

Treasurer's report read and adopted. See exhibit.

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RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, Our beloved Brother, Elder G. L. Russell, has concluded to emigrate to the State of Texas, and the Judson Baptist Association of North Mississippi is desirous to express to all whom this preamble and resolutions may concern, our high appreciation of his ministerial and christian character, and his faithfulness as a minister of the gospel.

Therefore resolved, That after an intimate acquaintance with him for seventeen years, we take great pleasure in recommending him as altogether worthy of the confidence and regard of our Brethren and others, wherever God in his Providence may cast his lot.

Resolved further, That we much regret his loss from our community and pray that the Lord may go with him and bless and prosper him in his new field of labor. Adopted, and.

Resolved, That this body tender their thanks to the Brethren and Sisters, together with the citizens of this vicinity for the kind manner with which they have entertained this body during its session.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Moderator for the able manner in which he has presided over this body during its session, also to the Clerk for his services.

After a few appropriate remarks by the Moderator, in expressing his gratitude for the christian courtesy manifested among the members throughout the session, the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Centre Hill, on Thursday before the 2d Sabbath in Sept. 1871, singing the familiar hymn, "Amazing grace how sweet the sound," &c., and extending the parting hand with much feeling. Prayer by Elder J. T. Pitts. Benediction by Elder Slack.

Sabbath Exercises.—Elder Stovall delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture to the Sabbath-school at 9 o'clock.

Owing to indisposition, Elder Montgomery was unable to occupy the stand at 11 o'clock, and by request Elder M. P. Lowry supplied his place, and preached to an attentive congregation. Text, 3d ch. Prov. 9th and 10th verses, "Honor the Lord with thy substance," &c, Theme, Christian Benevolence.

After sermon a collection was taken up amounting to \$14.20. Elder Slack preached at 2 p.m. The Clerk being compelled to leave is unable to state the result.

Report on Education, [A].

Your committee to whom was referred the very important subject of education, would submit the following report: We regard this as being one of the most important subjects now connected with the interests and advancement of our denomination. By this means we can more successfully propagate and establish our doctrines in the land thereby than almost any other instrumentality. If our people, and particularly our ministers, are not educated, they are much more easily influenced away from the truth, to the embracing and the practice of error, not being able to defend our doctrines against the sophistries and false reasonings of educated designing men, who are enemies of the truth, among those claiming to be members of the church of Christ. As a denomination, we have, hitherto done but little upon this subject.

Ministerial education has received no attention at the hands of many of our Associations: and the education of our sons and daughters has to a very great extent been overlooked. In this regard we have been recreant to the high trust committed to our charge. We are happy to be able to say, however, that in some sections of the country, a deep interest is felt upon the subject of ministerial education. We now have about sixty-four young men at Greenville, South Carolina, taking a course of preparation for the great work to which they have been called. We also have some fifteen or twenty young men studying for the ministry at our denominational school at Clinton, Mississippi. This school we would heartily recommend to the fostering care of the denomination in our State generally, and to our Association in particular. Brother James Nelson, Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education, also Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education of the State of Mississippi, is now canvassing the State in that interest, and will make arrangements to take any worthy young man who comes well recommended, and place him in said school, at a cost of only one hundred and fifty dollars for ten months.

The committee of the Judson and Aberdeen Associations have located the Female Institute of North-East Mississippi at Tupelo. We would urge the brethren to give to this denominational enterprise their sympathies and pecuniary support at once. Without your hearty co-operation, dear brethren, this enterprise cannot succeed. Will you now let it fall?

T. P. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.

Report [B]

The committee appointed by the Judson and Aberdeen Associations at their meetings in 1869, to arrange the preliminaries in order to establish two schools—male and female—of high order, would respectfully report: That after mature deliberation, and upon the pledge of the citizens of Tupelo of \$3000 and a suitable lot for the buildings, and knowing it to be a healthy, well watered, central and accessible place, did on the 13th day of May last, locate the Baptist Female Institute, of North-East Mississippi Associations, appointed the following Board of Trustees, viz: A. L. Stovall, T. P. Montgomery, L. Ball, M. P. Lowry and L. R. Burress, together with G. C. Thomason, R. M. Leavell, J. S. Clayton, Jesse Brambleth, S. M. Robertson, M. T. Gardner, J. D. Williams, J. S. Cobb, J. A. Green and J. M. Hoyle. Your committee thought it advisable that the Board should continue to serve until the meeting of the Associations in 1871, at which time the Associations co-operating in the school will appoint a new Board—each Association to equal representation in said Board. The elections thereafter to be annual. The Board is authorized to fill vacancies which may occur in the intervals of Associations. Your committees have taken no action in reference to the male school contemplated, and would recommend that none be taken until the female school is established upon a firm basis. For the action of the Board of Trustees and the progress made in the enterprise, we refer you to the report of the President of the Board. Respectfully,

T. P. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.

Report [C].

The Board of Trustees of the Baptist Female Institute of North Miss., elected by the committees of the Judson and Aberdeen Associations, would, through their President, submit the following report: The above named Board was duly organized on the 13th day of May, 1870, by electing the following officers: A. L. Stovall, President; T. P. Montgome.

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From

ry, Vice-President; J. D. Williams, Secretary and Jas. S. Clayton, Treasurer. It was resolved at a regular meeting of the Board to raise twelve thousand dollars as a building fund, upon the following plan, that is, by appointing T. P. Montgomery as general agent and A. L. Stovall and S. M. Robertson, local agent. The agents were instructed to raise the above specified amount by scholarships and donations. Twenty-five dollars constitutes a scholarship—one-half of the donations and scholarships payable the 1st day of October, 1870, and the other half due the 1st of January, 1871—the scholarships to be refunded in four years in tuition, or 25 per cent of the whole amount to be refunded annually in tuition, until the whole amount is refunded. Said scholarships are transferable. It was our intention to have opened said school in the Baptist church in the town of Tupelo, on the second Monday in September next, but we have now declined doing so, for the reason that a sufficient amount, outside of the amount subscribed by the citizens of Tupelo, has not been secured to justify the furnishing said school, employ teachers, &c. We would recommend to the Associations co-operating with us, that they adopt Mrs. Emma Weatherall's school, now in progress in the Baptist church in the town of Tupelo as a nucleus for the contemplated school, until further action is taken by the Board of Trustees. We have succeeded in raising in all, about \$4000, including the amount raised by the citizens of Tupelo.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. STOVALL, Pres.

Report on Colored Population [D].

Your committee on the spiritual interest of the colored population would report that we hold it to be our duty to give all of the ministerial counsel we can in forming associations, organizing churches and carrying out the doctrines and ordinances of the gospel.

J. W. RANDOLPH, Chairman.

Report on Sabbath Schools [E].

The subject of Sabbath-schools has been discussed, and is at this time so well understood among us that your committee deem it unnecessary to write a lengthy report on the subject. The importance of Sabbath-schools is manifest from the teachings of the scriptures: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Again, "Bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Here it is very clearly indicated that it is the duty of parents to bring their children to Christ. How shall we most successfully accomplish this vastly important work? Answer. The Sabbath school has proved to be one of the very best agents to accomplish the work contemplated in the above quotations. The Sabbath school is one of the auxiliaries of the church. The children then, trained in them are much more easily impressed with the gospel, and much better prepared for the reception of the truth, and their duties as christians. We would advise the churches to keep this subject constantly agitated in their churches and neighborhoods; organize a Sabbath-school in every church and go to work, and continue to work. And we would recommend all of our churches to send for, and read "Kind Words the Child's Delight," a beautiful Sabbath-school paper, published by the Sunday-School Board, located at Memphis, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. ANDREWS, Chairman.

Report on Documents [F]

From an examination of the letters addressed to this body, we learn

that there has been a number of additions to the churches during the past year, and that peace and harmony prevails. We find 124 have been added by baptism. We have examined the Minutes of the 1st District and find the next meeting is to convene with the church at Richmond, on Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in August, 1871. Elder T. P. Montgomery to preach the introductory sermon, and the following brethren appointed to write upon the subjects annexed to their names: 1st. Would it be legal for a minister to baptize a believer by the way-side? A. W. Sandlin. 2d. On the evils of evil speaking, J. M. Herring. 3d. The power and influence of Satan, J. M. Armstrong. 4th. What is the best discipline for a member that does not attend church conference, A. Robinson. 5th. The benefits arising from prayer-meetings, A. L. Eaves. 6th. The dangerous consequences of indulging in anger, J. C. Gillington. 7th. The duty of parents in regard to their children, A. J. Doty. 8th. What is the duty of the Deacons, according to the teachings of the apostles? T. P. Montgomery. 9th. The locality and condition of the soul, both of the righteous and wicked after death, Wm. Hood.

2d District.—The next session to be held with the church at Chesterville, on Thursday before the 5th Sabbath in July, 1871. Elder R. H. Robertson to preach Introductory sermon. Elder W. S. Wilson, alternate.

The following Brethren appointed to write Essays as annexed to their names: 1st. What does it require to constitute the visible church of Jesus Christ? J. N. Davis. 2d. What is the nature, design and difference of the New and Old covenants mentioned in the letter to Hebrews? T. A. Sullivan. 3d. Are infants dying in infancy saved, and through what means? Elder S. Bryant. 4th. Did Jesus Christ in his incarnation possess a human soul, and when did it begin to exist, C. C. Malone. 5th. What authority is requisite to authorize the minister to preach and administer the ordinances of the gospel, and from whence does he derive it, Elder A. L. Stovall. 6th. Is the Atonement of Christ special or universal, G. C. Johnson. 7th. Through, or by what means will the churches of Christ most effectually become the light of the world, W. S. Wilson. 8th. Is it in accordance with christian character and obligation for church members to engage in the purchase and sale, directly or indirectly of intoxicating liquors, J. S. Clayton. 9th. The power and influence of Satan, R. H. Robertson. 10th. 10th. On Systematic Benevolence, Dr. Wm. T. Stovall. 11th. Has a minister scriptural warrant for serving as Pastor more churches than one at the same time, J. J. Andrews.

We now recommend to the brethren, the diligent reading of the scriptures, the subscribing for, and reading the CHRISTIAN HERALD, published by Elder Jos. Shackelford, at Tuscumbia, Alabama. We also recommend "The Baptist:" its able editor has kindly offered us a department in it, with the privilege of electing our own editor. The proposition was accepted by the Mississippi Baptist State Convention and Elder M. P. Lowry elected editor of our department. "The Baptist" is a large eight page paper, not inferior in ability to any religious paper on the continent, and at a cost of three dollars per year: we would recommend that this body adopt it as our organ. Also the subscribing for "Kind Words the Child's Delight," also "Home and Foreign Journal." We find that the churches are taking a general interest in Sabbath-schools, and we hope the interest will continue to increase. We find in the letter from Center Hill church, a request for the next meeting of this body to be held with that church.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. MALONE, Chairman.

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Report on Home Missions [G].

We, your committee on Home Missions, would submit the following: We are satisfied that there is considerable destitution within the bounds of th's Association, that demands the serious attention of this body, and we believe it to be our duty to give them the gospel. We therefore recommend that th's body devise a plan whereby this object may be accomplished. Respectfully submitted,

A. W. SANDLIN, Chairman.

Report of Executive Board [H].

We, your Executive Board, submit the following report: About the 15th of May last we employed Dider J. J. Andrews to ride within the bounds of this Association as Missionary, at \$40 per month. Bro. Andrews entered upon the work about the 25th of May, and as to the progress or success of his labors we refer you to his report. Brethren, we, your Board, have much to contend with: arising from two causes. One is, the missionary spirit is at a low ebb; another is a prevailing sentiment that there is no destitution in our bounds. The first is much to be deplored. The second is erroneous. We believe that Bro. Andrews has done a good work, and we would recommend that some efficient man be kept in the field. All of which is submitted with Bro. Andrews' report.

B. JACKSON, Chairman.

Missionary Report.

To the Executive Board of the Judson Association:

Dear Brethren.—On the 15th day of May I received my commission from your committee to take the mission field. Consequently on the 27th of May I entered upon the duties of my office. Under God I have done all that I could—laboring almost day and night. All the labor I report has been bestowed in destitute neighborhoods, and I can say to you, in all those neighborhoods, the preaching of the gospel has been received heartily, and a great manifestation of it being continued. I will inform you again, that there is great destitution in the bounds of our association. O that God would open our hearts and keep a missionary in the field. There is destitution enough to keep two energetic missionaries engaged all the time. I have traveled 1273 miles, labored 79 days, preached 95 sermons, offered 181 public prayers, visited 151 families, baptized 19 converts, resurrected one church, and constituted one church. Respectfully submitted,

J. J. ANDREWS, Evangelist.

Report on Foreign Missions.

That while we are engaged in the great work of Home Missions, we should by no means neglect the great foreign fields which are now even white unto the harvest. Brethren, there are thousands of our fellow beings that are at this time without the gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation. Brethren, shall we send them the gospel as preached by the apostles, or shall we fold our arms and suffer others that know not, or will not teach the truth, as it is in Christ, to take the field. Brethren, shall we give those benighted people the pure gospel, which will make them wise unto salvation? We would recommend to the different churches composing this body, to take this subject into consideration, and work while it is day. Submitted,

A. B. SMITH, Chairman.

Report of Finance Committee.

Received from the churches composing this body for Minutes \$61.05
paid to Treasurer \$61.05.

J. H. J. Cox, Chairman.

Treasurer's Report.

R. M. Borum in account with Judson Association,

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| To cash received last year..... | \$19 25 |
| In pledges..... | 1 50 |
| Minute fund for 1870..... | 61 05 |
| Amount received from the churches..... | 95 25 |
| Total..... | \$177 05 |

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| By amount paid for services rendered by Missionary for 1868..... | \$ 12 00 |
| By J. J. Andrews for 1870..... | 104 00 |
| By amount to Clerk for Minutes..... | 61 05 |
| | \$177 05 |

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. BORUM, Treasurer.

P. S.—There are favorable Sabbath-school reports from many of our churches. We hope this interest will increase, and by next Association we will be required to give a Tabular Statement of the Sabbath-schools, &c.

CLERK.

We intend giving a table showing up the ordained ministers and their post-offices, but hope we will be excused, as the Minutes are already larger than anticipated

Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

We, the united Baptist churches in the State of Mississippi, having been regularly dismissed by letter from the following Associations, viz: Aberdeen, Chickasaw, and Bear Creek, have united for the purpose of maintaining and keeping the Order and Rules of an Association, according to the following plan:

Art. 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, who on producing letters from their respective churches, or satisfactory testimony, certifying their election, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 2. The letters from the churches are to express No. of white male and female members,—No. of colored members, time of meeting,—No. baptized, received by baptism, restored, dismissed by letter, Excluded or dead, since the last Association; the name of the Pastor and Past-office.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen, and convened, shall be known by the JUDSON Association, who shall have no power to lend it over God's heritage, or infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches in Union; but shall be an advisory council, for the common benefit of all the churches, and the furtherance of the cause of our Redeemer. The Association shall have power to exclude any church from the Union, who may depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel either in faith or practice. (The fundamental principles we adopt and believe, may be seen in our Abstract.)

Art. 4. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to three delegates, and one additional delegate for every hundred members above one hundred. Should any church neglect to represent herself, she shall state the reason in her letter to the next Association.

Art. 5. New churches may be admitted into this body, who petition by letter and delegates. If found to be sound in the faith, and in good order, the reception thereof to be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand.

Art. 6. The Association shall be governed by Rules of Decorum, of their own adoption.

Art. 7. This Association shall annually elect a Moderator from among themselves, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are observed, and take the voice of the Association on all questions properly brought before it. Also a Clerk shall be elected whose duty it shall be to take correct minutes of the acts of the Association.

Art. 8. No query shall be received for the consideration of the Association until the church presenting it, shall have made an effort to answer it to her satisfaction and failed to do so.

Art. 9. The Association shall have a fund for the support of the same, which shall be raised by the voluntary contributions of the churches, sent by their delegates, which money shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him as treasurer.

Art. 10. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception and dismissal of churches, which shall be unanimous.

Art. 11. This Association will correspond with other Associations as may be agreed on while in session.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of this Association to appoint a minister to preach an Introductory sermon, with an alternate, at each succeeding session, also the time and place for the next Association.

Art. 13. No charge will be received against any church in our Union, only when established by a sister church.

Art. 14. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time by two-thirds of the churches composing the body.

Art. 15. Minutes to be read, adopted and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association finally adjourns.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1st. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and practice.

2d. We believe that the Scriptures teach that there is but one living and true God; that there are three persons in this one God the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit; and that this triune God is the only object of all religious worship and adoration; and that all worship paid to anything else, in the name of God is idolatry and abomination in His sight.

3d. We believe that God created man holy and happy; that he sinned, and fell from that condition; that by the fall he lost his original righteousness, and became both sinful and depraved, and as a natural consequence, that all his posterity, by ordinary generation, are involved in all the consequences of his fall.

4th. We believe that man, by nature, has no power to recover himself from his lost and ruined condition; and that unless God himself had provided a way of Salvation, all must

have been ruined and miserable forever; because that all have sinned.

5th. We believe that God has provided a way of salvation, and has revealed it to us in the Gospel of his Son, that this way of Salvation was adopted in the Eternal Council before the foundation of the world, according to which God saves sinners through the sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth.

6th. We believe that fallen man has nothing and can do nothing of himself, to recommend him to the favorable notice of the Divine Being, and that all his hope of pardon, sanctification, justification and redemption, is derived alone through the merits of Christ.

7th. We believe that Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, is the only Mediator between God and man; that he first became our surety, and in the fullness of time our sacrifice, and that the only efficacious plea that he makes before the Throne in our behalf is built upon His own and all-atoning sacrifice, and perfect righteousness before God.

8th. We believe that the Holy Spirit, the third person in the adorable Trinity is the great agent in convincing man of his lost and condemned condition; and in making the Gospel plan of mercy plain and acceptable to him.

9th. We believe that all who are sanctified by the Spirit are fully justified by the righteousness of Christ, which is in all, and upon all them that believe.

10th. We believe that all who are called to be saints through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth shall be eternally saved.

11th. We believe that Christian churches are to be formed of believers in Christ, who give evidence of change of heart, and who have been regularly baptized.

12th. We believe that the Government of the church is not left in the hands of any one man, or number of men distinct from the body; but that it is left to the whole Church.

13th. We believe that the first day of the week, called the Lord's day, is sanctified or set apart for the public worship of God; and that it is the duty of Christians to abstain on that day from all unnecessary visiting, trifling conversation or labor, except so much as may be devoted to works of necessity or mercy.

14th. We believe as God has appointed the preaching of the Gospel for the edification of the Church, and the advancement of his Kingdom, that it is the duty of church members to contribute to the support of the ministry as God in his providence may give them ability.

15th. We believe that Jesus Christ has appointed two positive Institutions or Ordinances to be observed in his Church, viz: Baptism and the Lord's Supper; THAT BAPTISM IS IMMERSION in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that believers alone are capable of rightly receiving this ordinance; that Baptism precedes the Lord's Supper; AND NONE but regularly baptized ministers have any right to administer them.

16th. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust; that the just will rise to everlasting life, and the unjust to everlasting shame and contempt.

17th. Finally, we believe that the Gospel, with all its obligations, privileges and blessings, has been committed to the Church; and it is specially enjoined to make it known to every creature, while a risen and ascended Saviour pledges His presence to the end of the world.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present by private ballot.

Art. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the Judge of Order, but any member not satisfied with his decision, may appeal, provided that appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

Art. 4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak, he shall call on some brother to take the Chair.

Art. 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be open for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made it shall be decided by the members rising.

Art. 6. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

Art. 7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

Art. 8. Every subject introduced for discussion, shall be decided, before another is offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and Association.

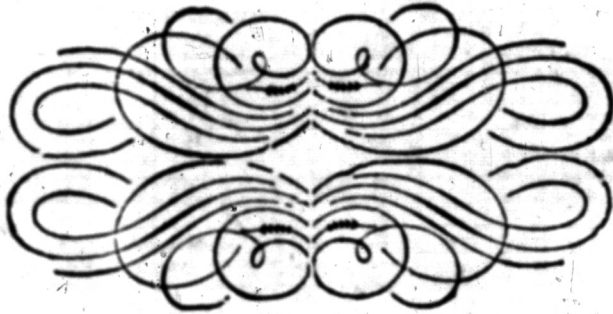
Art. 9. The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct.

and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the moderator

Art. 10. The appellation of Brother shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

Art. 11. Any member violating the Rules shall be subject to be reproved by the moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

Art. 12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these Rules when a majority may deem it necessary.



TABULAR STATEMENT.

| For Printing | Total | Present | Excused | Dis. by Letter | Recd. by Letter | Days of Meeting | Names of Delegates. | Post-Office. | Pastor. | Churches. |
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| 141 | 141 | 10 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 1 | D. Thompson, J. W. Sandlin, R. M. Brown | Richmond | W. C. Thomas | Hogswell |
| 250 | 250 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | D. Redding, J. A. Arling, D. Brown, W. Redding | Clinton | Wm. Hood | Liberity |
| 105 | 105 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | M. Cook, J. M. Stephenson, S. Johnson | Clinton | J. J. Andrews | McIntosh's Creek |
| 114 | 114 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | Wm. Newberry, Wm. Pound and S. E. Williams | Clinton Town | W. C. Thomas | New Prospect, Lee co. |
| 62 | 62 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | J. M. Newberry, J. M. Armstrong, A. T. Eaves | Richmond | J. J. Andrews | Richmond |
| 19 | 19 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | A. J. Deay, A. L. Eaves, and J. H. H. L. Springer | Saltillo | J. J. Andrews | Shiloh |
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The twentieth collegiate year of this institution will commence Monday, September 24, and continue forty weeks. During the past year over 100 students have been in attendance, and the indications now are that the number will be greatly increased in the coming session.

Besides the various classes of the Preparatory Department, the classes of the Collegiate Department, will be fully represented. Students for the degrees of A. B. and B. P., on passing a satisfactory examination in the studies of the lower classes, can enter either of the classes they wish. They will find the course of study as rigid as in the best colleges.

Students who wish to take a select course, will be permitted to pursue such studies as they may select and recite in the regular classes provided their previous attainments justify them to pursue such studies with advantage.

Students for the ministry are taught free of all charges for tuition and incidental fees, and those who are indigent will be assisted in the payment of their board by the Ministerial Educational Board. Of our students fourteen have been in attendance this last year, and many others have signified their intention of entering at the beginning of the next year. The restraining and elevating moral influence of our young men over other students cannot be overestimated. Parents who have regard for the morals of their sons, should note this fact before deciding upon the college to which they will send them.

The Board of Trustees have made arrangements to increase the Faculty to the full extent of demands.

For further information address the President, Rev. Walter Hillman or send to him for catalogue.

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